



Information from State Representative Bill Crawford

Unclaimed Tax Dollars in Marion County

Could you benefit?

Did you realize that Indiana's working citizens have left more than \$100 million unclaimed tax dollars? The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit, based upon family size and earned income, for working individuals and families with low incomes.

The EITC could provide you with as much as \$4,204 if you are a working family with an income of \$34,692, or below, for the 2003 tax year.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration estimates that as many as 84,000 Hoosiers qualify but are not claiming the credit. In addition to the tax savings for

2003, if you were eligible but have not claimed the credit in the past you are able to back file for the credit for up to three years.

Most individuals who are eligible for the EITC credit do not claim it because they either haven't heard about the EITC or do not know how to apply. There are several places you can contact to learn more about the EITC to see if you are eligible for this credit. These include:

The IRS hotline: 1-800-829-1040

The IRS website: www.irs.com

The Family and Social Services Administration's EITC website:
www.in.gov/fssa/eitc

Economic Impact of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

| | Population | EITC Dollars (in millions) | Number of Filers Receiving EITC | Percent of County Population Receiving EITC | Average EITC Refund | Number of Filers That May Be Eligible and Not Receiving the EITC | Potential EITC Dollars |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Indiana | 6,080,458 | \$569.8 | 361,359 | 5.9% | \$1,577 | 72,272 | \$113,960,000 |
| Marion County | 860,454 | \$117.6 | 69,448 | 8% | \$1,695 | 14,984 | \$10,325,951 |



The Earned Income Tax Credit provides refundable federal tax for Hoosier Families!

Could you benefit?

✍ In tax year 2001, the average Hoosier family received more than \$1,612.

✍ File taxes to receive your credit.

✍ If you are eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit you may also be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit from the state of Indiana.

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